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SUBJ: FOREIGN MINISTER ZERBOXJS PRESS CONFERENCE ON  
OAU SUMMIT

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1. DURING A PRESS CONFERENCE SHORTLY AFTER HIS RETURN FROM ADDIS ABABA JANUARY 17, FOREIGN MINISTER ZERBO STATED THAT THE MAIN DIFFICULTY DURING THE OAU SUMMIT MEETING WAS THE FAILURE BY CERTAIN MEMBER STATES TO RESPECT PREVIOUS OAU DECISIONS AND THEIR REJECTION OF RECOMMENDATIONS MADE BY VARIOUS OAU COMMITTEES.

ZERBO BADDED THAT THESE MEMBER STATES WERE NOT PREPARED TO COOPERATE LEGALLY IN THE SEARCH FOR PEACE AND NATIONAL UNITY IN ANGOLA WITHIN A STRICTLY AFRICAN FRAMEWORK.

2. ZERBO REITERATED THAT UPPER VOLTA'S POSITION WAS TO RESPECT THE INDEPENDENCE AND TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY OF  
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ANGOLA. UPPER VOLTA, HE SAID, HAD ALWAYS BEEN FAITHFUL

TO THE LETTER AND SPRIT OF THE OAU DECISIONS ON ANGOLA.  
IT IS FOR THIS REASON THAT UPPER VOLTA HAS NOT RECOGNIZED  
ANY OF THE THREE LIBERATION MOVEMENTS AS THE OFFICIAL  
GOVERNMENT IN ANGOLA.

3. ZERBO STATED THAT DURING THE SUMMIT, HE HAD PROPOSED A  
COALITION GOVERNMENT OF THE THREE LIBERATION GROUPS; AN  
IMMEDIATE CEASE FIRE THROUGHOUT THE ENTIRE COUNTRY; THE  
WITHDRAWAL OF ALL FOREIGN TROOPS, AND THE ESTABLISHMENT OF  
A COMMITTEE OF HEADS OF STATE TO EFFECT THE RECONCILIATION  
OF THE VARIOUS POLITICAL ELEMENTS.

4. ZERBO SAID THAT, AT FIRST GLANCE, ONE WOULD BE TEMPTED  
TO CONCLUDE THAT THE SESSION HAD BEEN A FAILURE BECAUSE OF THE  
ABSENCE OF A FINAL RESOLUTION. HE CONCLUDED, HOWEVER, THAT  
AFRICA HAD BEEN SUCCESSFUL IN AVOIDING THE PITFALL OF  
AN IDEALOGICAL SPLIT.GRAHAM

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